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Express Mail No EV 456 922 372 US REQUEST FOR CONTINUED Application Number 10/663,530 EXAMINATION (RCE) TOANSMITTAL Filing Date September 15, 2003 First Named Inventor Ho et al. Mail Stop RCE AUG 2 1 2006 Commissioner for Patents 1651 Group Art Unit P. O. Box 1450 Ware, Deborah K. Examiner Name Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 11592-020-999 (formerly RU-0177-CON) Attornev Docket No. This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____ įi. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed ____ Other _ iii. \boxtimes Enclosed i. \boxtimes Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Other Petition for Extension of Time; Amendment Fee Sheet; Request to Change Attorney Docket Number. iv. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed Fees The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. \boxtimes a. 50-3013 (referencing 517019-999019): RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$ 395.00 i. \boxtimes Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$ 60.00 for a 1 month extension, the \boxtimes ii. request for which is being made herewith iii. Other Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed b. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Roger C. Rich Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 54,398 Name (Print/Type) for Nikolaos G. George (Reg. No. 39,201) Signature Date August 21, 2006 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or by facsimile transmitted to fax no. 1-703to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated below. Name (Print/Type) Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)

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